

The aviculture, re-establishment and status of the New Zealand Brown Teal, by F. Neil Hayes. 1982.

This 61 page booklet is based on the 1980 Brown Teal Management Seminar organised by Ducks Unlimited. It includes information presented by Dr Murray Williams on Brown Teal (Pateke) distribution at the time of European settlement, subsequent decline and present status, as well as over 30 pages on Brown Teal aviculture. This section covers such aspects as establishing pairs, incompatibility, hybridisation and in-breeding, diet, use of chemicals, sexing Brown Teal and other details of avicultural management techniques.

There are four photographs of aviary design, a photograph of a Brown Teal nest box, and diagrams showing construction details of brooder troughs, how to sex Brown Teal and pinioning adult Brown Teal.

Four excellent distribution maps cover Pateke distribution at time of European settlement, the decline of the Pateke, present status, and the present status in greater detail of Brown Teal in Northland.

Ducks Unlimited, established in 1974, is an active group concerned with the preservation of New Zealand's wetlands and particularly the propagation of the waterfowl. Although it has a quarterly magazine, *Flight*, this booklet is its first major publication. I recommend it and hope that they will publish more material as a result of other projects on which they are currently working.

Copies are obtainable from Ducks Unlimited (N.Z.) Inc., P.O. Box 74, Hamilton, at \$6.00 including postage.

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A bibliography of seabirds in the waters of southern Africa, the Prince Edward and Tristan groups, by J. Cooper & R. K. Brooke. 1981. S. Afr. Nat. Sci. Programmes Rep. 48. 297 pp.

This is a listing of 2088 publications on southern African seabirds, defined as birds that obtain food from or above the surface of the sea in the area delimited by 17° to 50°S and 20° to 40°E. The work is in two parts. The larger consists of an alphabetical listing by authors' names of the publications, each of which is numbered; the smaller part is an index to the scientific names of the species, in which only the numbers of the papers are given. In other words, this is a bibliography in *Zoological record* style with a much simplified 'Systematic Index' and no 'Geographical' or 'Palaeontological' ones. The only 'Subject' entry is 'Guano.'

The items listed range from unpublished theses, brief notes, and popular articles in obscure local journals, to major works and papers. A number of major publications from outside South Africa, e.g. *The handbook of British Birds*, which only marginally discuss southern African seabirds, are also listed.

This is an example of a bibliographic tool which represents an